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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 161, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to required data collection by the department of elementary and secondary education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 161, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 161.625, to read as follows:

161.625. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Students' Right to Know Act".

- 2. Beginning on January 1, 2021, to help high school students make more informed decisions about their futures and ensure that they are adequately aware of the cost of four-year college and other alternative career paths, the following information shall be collected and compiled by the department of elementary and secondary education on an annual basis:
- (1) The most in-demand jobs in the state, including starting salary and education level required for such jobs;
 - (2) The average cost for all major colleges and vocational schools in the state;
- 11 (3) The average monthly student loan payment for all individuals who attend any major college or vocational school in the state;
- 13 (4) The average three-year student loan default rate for all major colleges and vocational schools in the state;
- 15 (5) The average graduation rate for all major colleges and vocational schools in the state;

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

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- 17 **(6)** The completion rates for apprenticeship programs, high school credential programs, career and technical education programs, and military first-term enlistments;
- 19 (7) The share of college graduates working in an occupation that does not require 20 a college degree for each major;
- 21 (8) The average starting salary for individuals graduating from a major college; 22 and
- 23 (9) The average starting salary for individuals graduating from a vocational school 24 in the state.
 - 3. The information collected by the department shall be distributed to every public high school in the state for public distribution to students by school guidance counselors no later than October fifteenth of each year.
- 4. The department may execute a memorandum of understanding with any department, agency, or division for information required to be collected by this section.

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